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RESPONSE TO ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 28, 2001

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (three-times amended) A method comprising
displaying a representation of a portion of a hierarchy of nodes to a user,
enabling a user to vary the portion of the hierarchy that is displayed by
performing a first type of user-interface action not directed within the displayed representation of
the portion of the hierarchy, the change in the portion of the hierarchy that is displayed being
accompanied by a change in the scale at which at least some of the nodes of the portion are
displayed,
allowing, by a second type of user-interface action directed within the displayed
representation of the portion of the hierarchy, a selection of any node in the portion of the
hierarchy of nodes of which a representation is being displayed, and
reporting each selection to an application to invoke node-specific behavior by the
application, the node-specific behavior being other than affecting the representation of the
hierarchy, and the application being other than the representation and navigation of the
hierarchy.

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